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FACT SHEET

A Resource Guide for South Carolinians with Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI)

This guide may be accessed on our website www.pandasc.org, see Resources tab.

Service Coordination and Related Services

Head and Spinal Cord Injury (HASCI) Division
Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN)
PO Box 4706
Columbia, SC 29240
803-898-9798 (HASCI Division);
1-866-867-3864 (Toll free Information and Referral)
www.ddsn.sc.gov

The HASCI division of DDSN provides services to individuals with head and spinal cord injuries. Services provided may include service coordination, information and referral, home modifications and assistive technology, personal assistance, and services and support to improve functioning, increase productivity, and promote self-determination.

To apply for services through the HASCI division, please contact DDSN
Screening at 1-800-289-7012 or start self-screening at:
<http://www.ddsn.sc.gov/apply/Pages/default.aspx>.

Depending on the severity of their disability, children and young adults with a brain injury before age 22 may receive services through the Intellectual Disability and Related

Disabilities (ID/RD) Division of DDSN. Use the same application process as for HASCI by calling 1-800-289-7012 or start self-screening at: <http://www.ddsn.sc.gov/apply/Pages/default.aspx>. Any child who is less than 36 months of age and has a brain injury should apply for services through First Steps/BabyNet at 1-877-621-0865.

During the application process, individuals or their guardians should state their preference for HASCI or ID/RD services. This preference is considered by the evaluation team, however, the current functioning level of the child as documented in assessments, evaluations, and medical/school records may ultimately determine whether the child is found eligible under HASCI or ID/RD. Individuals who qualify for the ID/RD Division may be eligible for additional services which are not generally available to HASCI clients. These services include residential habilitation and behavioral support services.

Medicaid Waiver Services Provided Through DDSN

Individuals up to age 65 who are Medicaid eligible and require the level of care provided in a nursing home or Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disability (ICF/ID) may be eligible for the HASCI Medicaid waiver. Services provided under the waiver may include attendant care and personal assistance services, respite care, some nursing care, prescribed drugs, specialized supplies and adaptations, communication therapy, psychological and behavioral services, Personal Emergency Response System, residential and day habilitation, physical and occupational therapy, prevocational services, and supported employment. The HASCI waiver does NOT provide housing, room and board, general supervision or 24-hour care.

Individuals who are interested in the Medicaid waiver should request waiver services through their service coordinator or when applying for services through the HASCI Division.

Statewide and National Brain Injury Associations

Brain Injury Association of South Carolina

121 Executive Center Drive, Ste. 135, Columbia, SC 29210
Phones: 803-731-9823 Toll Free: 1-877-TBI-FACT (in-state)
Fax: 803-681-0096
Executive Director's email: jdavis.biasc@gmail.com
Outreach Coordinator's email: bspaulding.biasc@gmail.com
<http://www.biausa.org/sc/>

Brain Injury Association of America

1608 Spring Hill Road, Suite 110

Vienna, VA 22182

703-761-0750

1-800-444-6443 (National Brain Injury Information Center)

www.biausa.org

The Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA) and its affiliates across the country work to promote help, hope and healing for people with brain injury, family members and those that are affected by brain injury. BIAA offers a toll free National Brain Injury Information Center (800-444-6443), which people can contact to get access to information about brain injury and local resources. BIAA offers a quarterly newsletter, *THE Challenge!* both in print and electronically through the BIAA website. BIAA also offers educational opportunities for both family members and professionals through a variety of webinar series offered throughout the year. Contact with BIAA's state affiliates is available through the BIAA website: <http://www.biausa.org/state-affiliates.htm>.

SC Brain Injury Support Groups

(If additional contact information about a local support group is needed, contact Brain Injury Association of SC—see page 2)

Aiken Support Group-CSRA Dream Catchers "Central Savannah River Area"

Support Group Meeting Place: Vincent Village in North Augusta in the Club House

218 West Five Notch Road, North Augusta, SC

Meeting Time: 1st Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Contact Person: Les Paul Morgan; Email: mycometpatrol@bellsouth.net

Phone: 866-793-3407 or 803-279-9611

Contact Person: Cyndy Milstead-Anzek; Email: cmilstead@waltonoptions.org

Phone: 803-279-9611

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/csradreamcatchers/>

Anderson, Oconee, Pickens (AOP) Brain Injury Support Group and Recreation Group

Support Group Meeting Place: AnMed Rehab Hospital

1 Springback Way, Anderson, SC

Meeting Time: 2nd Monday of each month, 12 noon

Quarterly Support Group Meeting Place: Anderson County Disabilities and Special Needs Board

214 McGee Road, Anderson, SC

Meeting Time: 2nd Mondays in March, June, September, December, 5:30 p.m.

Recreational Group Meeting Place: AnMed Rehab Hospital

1 Springback Way, Anderson, SC

Meeting Time: Every Monday, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Contact Person: Richard DuBose; Email: rndubose@gmail.com
Contact Person: Candy Jones; Email: candyjones@acdsnb.org;
Phone: 864-260-4529
<http://aoptbi.weebly.com>

Charleston-Trident Head Injury Support Group

Support Group Meeting Place: Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital, 2095 Henry Tecklenburg Drive, Charleston, S.C., 29414-5733 Mall Classroom #1
Meeting Time: 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Contact Person: Robert Durland Sr. Email: thisgsc@gmail.com
Phone: 843-822-1967

Conway/Myrtle Beach-Brain Injury Support Group of the Grand Strand

Support Group Meeting Place: New Horizons Center
150 Waccamaw Medical Park Court, Conway, SC
Meeting Time: 3rd Thursday of each month, 12 noon (pot luck lunch & meeting)
Contact Person: Ellen Leftwich; Email: leftwich@sccoast.net
Phone: 843-349-7250

Columbia Brain Injury Support Group

Support Group Meeting Place: HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital
2935 Colonial Drive, Columbia, SC
Thomas Norris Educational Conference Center (across from the cafeteria)
Meeting Time: 1st Thursday of each month, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Contact Person: Janet Hinson; Email: jhinson789@aol.com
Phone: 803-788-5696
Contact Person: Robert Hinson; Email: rhinson18@aol.com
Phone: 803-206-0945

Greenville Brain Injury Support Group

Support Group Meeting Place: HASCI (Head and Spinal Cord Injury) Resource Center
Greenville County Disabilities and Special Needs Board
McAlister Square, Suite B-6, 225 S. Pleasantburg Drive, Greenville, SC
Meeting #1: Survivor, Family, and Friends
Meeting Time: 1st Tuesday of most months, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Meeting #2: Caregivers/Parents Group
Meeting Time: TBD- please contact one of the contact names below for more information.
Contact Person: Anne and Richard Medlock; Email: greenvilletbi@gmail.com
Phone: 864-230-7821 and 864-230-7820
Contact Person: Kay Brooks; Email: kbrooks@gcdsnb.org
Phone: 864-679-2400 x3711
www.facebook.com/gcdsnbhasci

Greenwood Brain Injury Support Group

Support Group Meeting Place: Greenwood Regional Rehabilitation Hospital

Gardenia Room

1530 Parkway

Greenwood, SC 29646

Meeting Time: 3rd Thursday of each month, 11:30 am- 1pm

Contact Person: Alpana Pednekar; Email: alpanapednekar@ernesthealth.com

Phone: 864-330-1819; 864-330-1800

Contact Person: Joyce Davis; Email: jdavis.biasc@gmail.com

Phone: 1-877-TBI-FACT

Hartsville Brain Injury Support Group

Support Group Meeting Place: Hartsville Memorial Library

147 W. College Avenue, Hartsville, SC

Meeting Time: 2nd Tuesday of each month, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Contact Person: Danny Weaver; Email: weav2206@bellsouth.net

Phone: 843-861-5413

Rock Hill Brain Injury Support Group

Support Group Meeting Place: HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital

1795 Frank Gaston Blvd., Rm 200, Rock Hill, SC

Meeting Time: 1st Thursday of each month, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Contact Person: Susan Mace; Email: smace94@aol.com

Contact Person: BIASC; Email: jdavis.biasc@gmail.com

Phone: 803-731-9823

Spartanburg/Lyman Brain Injury Support Group

Support Group Meeting Place: Bryant Center

SC Vocational Rehabilitation Department

180 Groce Road, Lyman, SC

Meeting Time: 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Contact Person: Tanya Lambert; Email: tlambert1@scvrd.state.sc.us

Phone: 864-249-8048 or 864-249-8030

Contact Person: Nickole Gilliam; Email: ngilliam@scvrd.state.sc.us

Phone: 864-249-8043 or 864-249-8030

****If there is no active support group listed in your community and you are interested in having one to attend, please contact BIASC.**

Contact Person: Joyce Davis; Email: jdavis.biasc@gmail.com

Phone: 803-731-9823

Vocational Assistance

SC Vocational Rehabilitation Department (Statewide)

Main Office:

1410 Boston Avenue

West Columbia, South Carolina, 29171-0015

803-896-6500 (Voice)

803-896-6553 (TTY)

1-800-832-7526 (Toll free)

www.scvrd.net

The SC Vocational Rehabilitation Department's Brain Injury program helps individuals identify barriers to employment and develop behavioral and compensatory strategies to improve their work-related performance. All participants receive a comprehensive evaluation including vocational and psychological assessments, physical therapy, occupational therapy, nutritional guidance, and exercise and fitness instruction. Based on the results of the evaluation as well as feedback from the client and family members, a behavioral management and vocational plan is developed.

Independent Living Assistance

Centers for Independent Living

Centers for Independent Living are private, non-profit, consumer-controlled entities that provide nonresidential and non-medical Independent Living (IL) services for people of all ages with all types of disabilities. The following services are offered: advocacy, teaching of independent living skills, peer counseling, advocacy, and information & referral in counties in South Carolina.

Able South Carolina (serving 23 counties in the Midlands and Upstate SC:
Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Chester, Clarendon, Calhoun, Fairfield, Greenville,
Greenwood, Kershaw, Laurens, Lee, Lexington, Newberry, Oconee, Orangeburg,
Pickens, Richland, Saluda, Spartanburg, Sumter, Union, York)

Columbia Office:

136 Stonemark Lane, Suite 100

Columbia, SC 29210

1-800-681-6805 (Toll free, Voice)

803-779-5121 (Voice)

803-779-0949 (TTY)

Greenville Office:

330 Pelham Road, Suite 100-A
Greenville, SC 29615
864-235-1421 (Voice)
864-235-8798 (TTY)
1-800-681-7715 (Toll free, Voice)
<http://able-sc.org/>

AccessAbility (Serving five counties in the Low Country and neighboring areas:
Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester, Orangeburg, and Williamsburg Counties)

7944 Dorchester Road, Suite 5
North Charleston, SC 29418
843-225-5080
843-225-0231 (TTY)
1-866-874-7730 (Toll free, Voice)
www.abilitysc.org

Walton Options for Independent Living (Serving four counties in western SC:
Aiken, Barnwell, Edgefield, and McCormick Counties)

514 West Avenue
N. Augusta, SC 29841
803-279-9611

This office provides Independent Living, Information and Referral, Advocacy and Peer Support services as well as serving as the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance office for South Carolinians on Social Security seeking information on returning to work through the WIPA program.

AND

Walton Options for Independent Living (Serving three counties in lower SC:
Bamberg, Beaufort, and Colleton Counties)

2414 N. Jefferies Blvd
Walterboro, SC 29488
843-538-1600

While this office provides all Independent Living, Advocacy, Peer Support and Information and Referral Services, all inquiries for services should be by appointment only, as this is not a walk-in location at this time.

<http://www.waltonoptions.org/>

Assistive Technology Assistance

South Carolina Assistive Technology Project

Midlands Center
8301 Farrow Rd
Columbia, SC 29203
803-935-5263
1-800-915-4522 (Toll free)
www.sc.edu/scatp

Services offered include: demonstration equipment and loan center, training on assistive technology options for service providers and consumers, technical assistance by telephone for people with questions about assistive technology resources and options, and technical assistance to assistive technology assessment teams.

Assistive Technology Exchange Program (free or affordable equipment for people with disabilities): <http://scatp.med.sc.edu/documents/AT%20Exchange%20Flyer.pdf>

Resources for Children

Family Connection of South Carolina

1800 St. Julian Place
Suite 104
Columbia, SC 29204
803-252-0914
1-800-578-8750 (Toll Free In State)
1-888-808-7462 (Español)
Email: info@familyconnectionsc.org
<http://www.familyconnectionsc.org>

Family Connection is a support network for families who have children with special needs. They match parents with other trained veteran support parents who have children with similar concerns and issues. Family Connection is also the federally designated Parent Training Center for South Carolina, providing training to parents about education rights of children with disabilities. There are Family Connection offices in Columbia, Greenville, Anderson, Spartanburg, Charleston, and Rock Hill, with support parents throughout South Carolina.

Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities, Inc. (P&A)

3710 Landmark Drive, Suite 208
Columbia, SC 29204
803-782-0639 (Voice/TTY)
1-866-275-7273 Toll Free (In State - Voice)
1-866-232-4525 Toll Free (In State - TTY)
Email: Info@pandasc.org
www.pandasc.org

Our organization, Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities Inc., publishes a number of fact sheets designed to assist individuals with disabilities: <http://www.pandasc.org/resources/>. P&A offers information and referral services to assist individuals with self-advocacy. P&A also provides representation for individual cases which warrant additional services for clients and their families. We do not charge for our services.

Center for Parent Information and Resources (CPIR)

The CPIR is a central resource for Parent Training and Information (PTI) Centers and Community Parent Resource Centers (CPRCs), offering information and products to assist the families of children with disabilities. The CPIR serves as the home of many of the resources developed by NICHCY, the National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities. NICHCY's funding ended in October 2013, but many of its products and webpages can still be found here.
<http://www.parentcenterhub.org/>
<http://www.parentcenterhub.org/nichcy-resources/>

Related Websites

Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center (DVBIC)

1-800-870-9244
1-866-966-1020 DVBIC Information and Referral (24/7)
Email: info@dvbic.org
www.dvbic.org

Established in 1992 as the Defense and Veterans Head Injury Program (DVHIP), the clinical research conducted by DVBIC has come to define optimal care for survivors of TBI. Clinical care and research is currently undertaken at seven military and VA sites and one civilian treatment site. Patients may be referred to DVBIC by primary care and other physicians/health care providers, family members, or by self-referral.

Head Injury Hotline for Survivors

Brain Injury Resource Center, P O Box 84151 Seattle, WA 98124

206-621-8558

Email: brain@headinjury.com

www.headinjury.com

This site, which is maintained by brain injury survivors, provides survivors and their families with information and support.

National Association of State Head Injury Administrators (NASHIA)

802-498-3349

Email: execdirector@nashia.org

www.nashia.org

A number of fact sheets on TBI in both English and Spanish are available to download, including topics like Policy Information, Federal and State programs, educational opportunities and conferences, among others.

TBI.org (formerly "The Perspectives Network")

Email: TPN@tbi.org

www.tbi.org

Information and support for survivors and families.

If you need additional information, call P&A:

Toll-free statewide:

1-866-275-7273 (Toll Free Voice) 1-866-232-4525 (Toll Free TTY)

In Columbia area: 1-803-782-0639 (Voice)

You may also view fact sheets and articles on disability issues at our web site:

www.pandasc.org

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